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- The Finnish Social Democrats believe that Kekkonen is an exceedingly dangerous man whose cooperation with the Soviets seems to be growing continuously. The Kekkonen policy, which coincides with that of the Communists, is to oppose the accentance of Social Democrats for any role in the government because of the disfavor with which they feel the USSR would regard such action.
- 2. The policy of appeasement with the USSR is making headway with the "Bourgeois Parties" and represents a great danger to the Finnish nation. The source believes that if Kekkonen is successful in excluding the Social Democrats from the government, the Social Demoerats will lose ground politically and then become weakened in the trade unions. The resultant Communist domination of the trade unions would gravely endanger Finland's independence, according to the source.

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